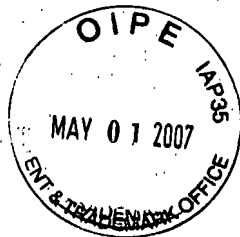
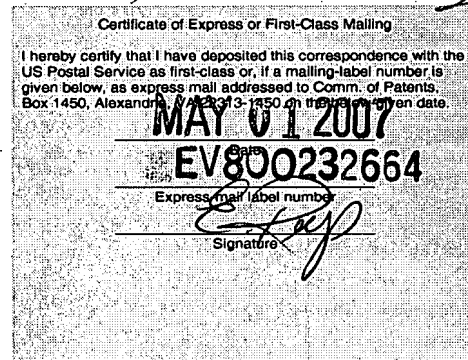


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SECOND AMENDMENT

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Applicant herewith elects claims 1 - 49, the method of  
Group I, with traverse.

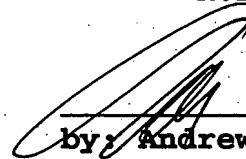
This is a PCT national-phase application governed by the  
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This Rule provides that: "An international or national stage  
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will be considered to have unity of invention if the claims are  
drawn only to one of the following combinations of categories:

(1) A product and a process specially adapted for the  
manufacture of said product.

Here it is beyond cavil that we have a product and a process for manufacturing the product. Thus claims 1-54 rightly should remain in the case.

An action on the merits of claims 1-54 is awaited.

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